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SUBJECT: WTDRS PREPARED BY NOUAKCHOTT

REF: (A) USDOC 21323, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 2988, (C) NOUAKCHOTT 2835

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE. TWO MYSTERIES STILL REMAIN,
HOWEVER.

2. WHILE BASIC WTDR INSTRUCTION (A-881 OF FEB 75) OUTLINES
NEW FORMAT TO BE USED IN TRANSMITTING URGENTLY-NEEDED WTDRS
TO WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAM, IT DOES NOT EXPLICITLY STATE THAT ALL
WTDRS ARE TO BE CABLED 8,\$33\$, PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF A-881
PRESCRIBES PROCEDURE TO BE FOLRND " WHEN TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION
IS
NOT REQUIRED". YET REF A APPEARS TO INDICATE (PARA 3) THAT ALL RPT
ALLWTDRS ARE TO BE SENT BY TELEGRAM, IF THAT IS IN FACT CASE,
WE HAVE BEEN IN ERROR IN POUCHING WTDRS WHICH ARE NOT RPT NOT
TIME SENSITIVE--ALTHOUGH BY SO DOING WE HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO
DEPUSECRETARY'S PERIODIC EXHORTATIONS TO REDUCE TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC
BY SUPRESSVTG UNNECESARY TELEGRAMS. WE WOULD MUCH
APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION RE MODE OF TRANSMISSION OF WTDRS.

3. WHATEVER GIST OF CLARIFICATION REQUESTED PARA 2,
SECOND MYSTERY REMAINS OF WHY WTDRS WHICH ARE SENT TEE-
GRAPHICALLY BY NOUAKCHOTT DO NOT RPT NOT REACH COMMERCE
IN CCLY FASHION AND SOMETIMES NOT AT ALL DESPITE SCRUPU-
LOUS (SO FAR AS WE CANOERCEIVE) ADHERENCE TO A-881
INSTRUCTIONS RE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION AND FORMAT.
TELEGRAPHIC WTDR ON SNIM (NOUAKCHOTT 2835) IS CASE IN
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POINT. WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE (A) INDICATION WHSPIR WTDR
ON SNIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AND IF SO WHEN, AND (B) EX-
PLANATION OF HOW AND WHY SNIM WTDR WENT ASTRAY, THUS
OCCASIONAING NEED 18DAYS LATER (NOVEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER
4) FOR USDOC TELEGRAI : FOLLOW-UP REQUEST. IS PROBLEM
AT OUR END? IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY ERROR AND REQUIRED
CORRECTIVE ACTION.

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